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SUBJ: NUJOMA CONTINUES TO AVOID LUSAKA

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1. AT THE TIME OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S LETTER TO THE SECRETARY ON THE NAMIBIA NEGOTIATIONS (REFTEL), THE ZAMBIANS TRIED TO LOCATE SAM NUJOMA. THEY EXPECTED THEN THAT HE WOULD COME DIRECTLY TO LUSAKA FROM LAGOS AND THAT THERE WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE NAMIBIAN SITUATION WITH HIM. INSTEAD HE APPARENTLY WENT TO LUANDA.

2. OVER THE WEEKEND THERE WERE RUMORS THAT A MAJOR SWAPO MEETING WAS TO BE HELD IN LUSAKA AND THAT INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION WHICH HAD CONTINUED IN SPITE OF THE ARREST AND BANISHMENT TO TANZANIA OF ALEX CHIPANGA, WOULD BE TAKEN UP ON THE OCCASION. IT WAS GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE REMAINED DISSATISFACTION WITHIN SWAPO OVER WHAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE NUJOMA'S INCREASINGLY HARD LINE AND CLOSE ASSOCIATIONS WITH THE CUBANS AND MPLA.

3. THE MEETING FAILED TO MATERIALIZE. NUJOMA APPARENTLY HAS REMAINED IN LUSANDA. WE ALSO HAVE HEARD A REPORT THAT SWAPO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE PETER NANYEMBA WILL GO TO LUANDA FROM LUSAKA IN
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THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN A SWAPO MEETING TO

BE HELD IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA. INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH
PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S STAFF INDICATE THAT IT IS
FEELING FRUSTRATED AT ITS INABILITY TO MEET WITH
NUJOMA AND PRESS A MORE REASONABLE POSITION ON HIM.
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